

1 AN ACT concerning wildlife.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Wildlife Code is amended by changing  
5 Sections 2.10, 2.11, and 2.26 and by adding Section 3.1-6 as  
6 follows:

7 (520 ILCS 5/2.10) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.10)

8 Sec. 2.10. The Department may, on an annual basis,  
9 establish a spring wild turkey open season within the period  
10 beginning on March 1 and running through May 31, and a fall  
11 wild turkey season within the period beginning on October 1 and  
12 running through January 31. The Department may, on an annual  
13 basis, establish a youth-only spring wild turkey season which  
14 shall include 2 consecutive weekends. It shall be unlawful for  
15 any person to take wild turkey without possessing a valid "Wild  
16 Turkey Hunting Permit". Persons holding a spring permit may  
17 take female wild turkeys with visible beards or male wild  
18 turkeys during the spring open season. Persons holding a fall  
19 permit may take turkeys of either sex during the fall open  
20 season. The Department shall cause notice of administrative  
21 rules setting forth the prescribed rules and regulations,  
22 including those counties of the State where open seasons are  
23 established, to be given in accordance with Sections 1.3 and

1 1.13.

2 (Source: P.A. 89-341, eff. 8-17-95.)

3 (520 ILCS 5/2.11) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.11)

4 Sec. 2.11. Before any person may lawfully hunt wild turkey,  
5 he shall first obtain a "Wild Turkey Hunting Permit" in  
6 accordance with the prescribed regulations set forth in an  
7 administrative rule of the Department. The fee for a Resident  
8 Wild Turkey Hunting Permit shall not exceed \$15.

9 Upon submitting suitable evidence of legal residence in any  
10 other state, non-residents shall be charged a fee not to exceed  
11 \$125 for wild turkey hunting permits, ~~except as provided below~~  
12 ~~for non-resident land owners.~~

13 ~~Permits shall be issued without charge to:~~

14 ~~(a) Illinois landowners residing in Illinois who own at~~  
15 ~~least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt on their~~  
16 ~~land only,~~

17 ~~(b) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of commercial~~  
18 ~~agricultural land, and~~

19 ~~(c) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,~~  
20 ~~bona fide equity members of a limited liability company, or~~  
21 ~~bona fide equity partners of a general or limited~~  
22 ~~partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a~~  
23 ~~county in Illinois who wish to hunt on the corporation's,~~  
24 ~~company's, or partnership's land only. One permit shall be~~  
25 ~~issued without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder,~~

~~one bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity partner for each 40 acres of land owned by the corporation, company, or partnership in a county; however, the number of permits issued without charge to bona fide equity shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity members of a limited liability company in any county shall not exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide equity partners of a partnership.~~

~~The turkey hunting permit issued without fee shall be valid on all lands upon which the person to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the case of a permit issued without charge to a shareholder of a corporation, the permit shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation in the county.~~

The Department may by administrative rule allocate and issue non-resident Wild Turkey Permits and establish fees for such permits.

It shall be unlawful to take wild turkey except by use of a bow and arrow or a shotgun of not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge with shot size not larger than No. 4, and no person while attempting to so take wild turkey may have in his possession any other gun.

It shall be unlawful to take, or attempt to take wild turkey except during the time from 1/2 hour before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset or during such lesser period of time as may be specified by administrative rule, during those days for

1 which an open season is established.

2 It shall be unlawful for any person to take, or attempt to  
3 take, wild turkey by use of dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft  
4 or other vehicles, or conveyances, or by the use or aid of bait  
5 or baiting of any kind. For the purposes of this Section,  
6 "bait" means any material, whether liquid or solid, including  
7 food, salt, minerals, and other products, except pure water,  
8 that can be ingested, placed, or scattered in such a manner as  
9 to attract or lure wild turkeys. "Baiting" means the placement  
10 or scattering of bait to attract wild turkeys. An area is  
11 considered as baited during the presence of and for 10  
12 consecutive days following the removal of the bait.

13 It is unlawful for any person to take in Illinois or have  
14 in his possession more than one wild turkey per valid permit.

15 ~~For purposes of this Section "bona fide equity~~  
16 ~~shareholder", "bona fide equity member", and "bona fide equity~~  
17 ~~partner" shall have the same meaning as provided in Section~~  
18 ~~2.26 of this Act.~~

19 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section,  
20 the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of  
21 the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining  
22 fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of  
23 an acre up to the next whole acre.

24 For the purposes of taking wild turkey, nothing in this  
25 Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,  
26 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal

1 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
2 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
3 and maintenance such as cultivating. Such manipulation for the  
4 purpose of taking wild turkey may be further modified by  
5 administrative rule.

6 (Source: P.A. 97-564, eff. 8-25-11; 98-180, eff. 8-5-13.)

7 (520 ILCS 5/2.26) (from Ch. 61, par. 2.26)

8 Sec. 2.26. Deer hunting permits. ~~In this Section, "bona~~  
9 ~~fide equity shareholder" means an individual who (1) purchased,~~  
10 ~~for market price, publicly sold stock shares in a corporation,~~  
11 ~~purchased shares of a privately held corporation for a value~~  
12 ~~equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the corporate~~  
13 ~~assets represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a~~  
14 ~~member of a closely held family owned corporation and has~~  
15 ~~purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the~~  
16 ~~corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of~~  
17 ~~ownership and (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares~~  
18 ~~of stock for at least 5 years.~~

19 ~~In this Section, "bona fide equity member" means an~~  
20 ~~individual who (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of~~  
21 ~~the limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a~~  
22 ~~distributional interest in a limited liability company for a~~  
23 ~~value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of the LLC~~  
24 ~~assets represented by the distributional interest in the LLC~~  
25 ~~and subsequently becomes a member of the company pursuant to~~

1 ~~Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act and who (2)~~  
2 ~~intends to retain the membership for at least 5 years.~~

3 ~~In this Section, "bona fide equity partner" means an~~  
4 ~~individual who (1) (i) became a partner, either general or~~  
5 ~~limited, upon the formation of a partnership or limited~~  
6 ~~partnership, or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been gifted a~~  
7 ~~partnership interest accurately representing his or her~~  
8 ~~percentage distributional interest in the profits, losses, and~~  
9 ~~assets of a partnership or limited partnership, (2) intends to~~  
10 ~~retain ownership of the partnership interest for at least 5~~  
11 ~~years, and (3) is a resident of Illinois.~~

12 Any person attempting to take deer shall first obtain a  
13 "Deer Hunting Permit" issued by the Department in accordance  
14 with its administrative rules. Those rules must provide for the  
15 issuance of the following types of resident deer archery  
16 permits: (i) a combination permit, consisting of one either-sex  
17 permit and one antlerless-only permit, (ii) a single  
18 antlerless-only permit, and (iii) a single either-sex permit.  
19 The fee for a Deer Hunting Permit to take deer with either bow  
20 and arrow or gun shall not exceed \$25.00 for residents of the  
21 State. The Department may by administrative rule provide for  
22 non-resident deer hunting permits for which the fee will not  
23 exceed \$300 in 2005, \$350 in 2006, and \$400 in 2007 and  
24 thereafter except as provided below for non-resident  
25 landowners and non-resident archery hunters. The Department  
26 may by administrative rule provide for a non-resident archery

1 deer permit consisting of not more than 2 harvest tags at a  
2 total cost not to exceed \$325 in 2005, \$375 in 2006, and \$425  
3 in 2007 and thereafter. ~~Permits shall be issued without charge~~  
4 ~~to:~~

5 ~~(a) Illinois landowners residing in Illinois who own at~~  
6 ~~least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt their land~~  
7 ~~only,~~

8 ~~(b) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of commercial~~  
9 ~~agricultural land where they will hunt, and~~

10 ~~(c) Bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,~~  
11 ~~bona fide equity members of a limited liability company, or~~  
12 ~~bona fide equity partners of a general or limited~~  
13 ~~partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a~~  
14 ~~county in Illinois who wish to hunt on the corporation's,~~  
15 ~~company's, or partnership's land only. One permit shall be~~  
16 ~~issued without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder,~~  
17 ~~one bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity~~  
18 ~~partner for each 40 acres of land owned by the corporation,~~  
19 ~~company, or partnership in a county; however, the number of~~  
20 ~~permits issued without charge to bona fide equity~~  
21 ~~shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity members~~  
22 ~~of a limited liability company in any county shall not~~  
23 ~~exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide~~  
24 ~~equity partners of a partnership.~~

25 ~~Bona fide landowners or tenants who do not wish to hunt~~  
26 ~~only on the land they own, rent, or lease or bona fide equity~~

1 ~~shareholders, bona fide equity members, or bona fide equity~~  
2 ~~partners who do not wish to hunt only on the land owned by the~~  
3 ~~corporation, limited liability company, or partnership shall~~  
4 ~~be charged the same fee as the applicant who is not a~~  
5 ~~landowner, tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide~~  
6 ~~equity member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of~~  
7 ~~Illinois who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt on~~  
8 ~~their land only shall be charged a fee set by administrative~~  
9 ~~rule. The method for obtaining these permits shall be~~  
10 ~~prescribed by administrative rule.~~

11 ~~The deer hunting permit issued without fee shall be valid~~  
12 ~~on all farm lands which the person to whom it is issued owns,~~  
13 ~~leases or rents, except that in the case of a permit issued to~~  
14 ~~a bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide equity member, or~~  
15 ~~bona fide equity partner, the permit shall be valid on all~~  
16 ~~lands owned by the corporation, limited liability company, or~~  
17 ~~partnership in the county.~~

18 The standards and specifications for use of guns and bow  
19 and arrow for deer hunting shall be established by  
20 administrative rule.

21 No person may have in his possession any firearm not  
22 authorized by administrative rule for a specific hunting season  
23 when taking deer.

24 Persons having a firearm deer hunting permit shall be  
25 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour  
26 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those



1 days for which an open season is established for the taking of  
2 deer by use of shotgun, handgun, or muzzle loading rifle.

3 Persons having an archery deer hunting permit shall be  
4 permitted to take deer only during the period from 1/2 hour  
5 before sunrise to 1/2 hour after sunset, and only during those  
6 days for which an open season is established for the taking of  
7 deer by use of bow and arrow.

8 It shall be unlawful for any person to take deer by use of  
9 dogs, horses, automobiles, aircraft or other vehicles, or by  
10 the use or aid of bait or baiting of any kind. For the purposes  
11 of this Section, "bait" means any material, whether liquid or  
12 solid, including food, salt, minerals, and other products,  
13 except pure water, that can be ingested, placed, or scattered  
14 in such a manner as to attract or lure white-tailed deer.  
15 "Baiting" means the placement or scattering of bait to attract  
16 deer. An area is considered as baited during the presence of  
17 and for 10 consecutive days following the removal of bait.  
18 Nothing in this Section shall prohibit the use of a dog to  
19 track wounded deer. Any person using a dog for tracking wounded  
20 deer must maintain physical control of the dog at all times by  
21 means of a maximum 50 foot lead attached to the dog's collar or  
22 harness. Tracking wounded deer is permissible at night, but at  
23 no time outside of legal deer hunting hours or seasons shall  
24 any person handling or accompanying a dog being used for  
25 tracking wounded deer be in possession of any firearm or  
26 archery device. Persons tracking wounded deer with a dog during

1 the firearm deer seasons shall wear blaze orange as required.  
2 Dog handlers tracking wounded deer with a dog are exempt from  
3 hunting license and deer permit requirements so long as they  
4 are accompanied by the licensed deer hunter who wounded the  
5 deer.

6 It shall be unlawful to possess or transport any wild deer  
7 which has been injured or killed in any manner upon a public  
8 highway or public right-of-way of this State unless exempted by  
9 administrative rule.

10 Persons hunting deer must have gun unloaded and no bow and  
11 arrow device shall be carried with the arrow in the nocked  
12 position during hours when deer hunting is unlawful.

13 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal  
14 limit of deer by gun, to further participate with gun in any  
15 deer hunting party.

16 It shall be unlawful for any person, having taken the legal  
17 limit of deer by bow and arrow, to further participate with bow  
18 and arrow in any deer hunting party.

19 The Department may prohibit upland game hunting during the  
20 gun deer season by administrative rule.

21 The Department shall not limit the number of non-resident,  
22 either-sex ~~either-sex~~ archery deer hunting permits to less than  
23 20,000.

24 Any person who violates any of the provisions of this  
25 Section, including administrative rules, shall be guilty of a  
26 Class B misdemeanor.

1 For the purposes of calculating acreage under this Section,  
2 the Department shall, after determining the total acreage of  
3 the applicable tract or tracts of land, round remaining  
4 fractional portions of an acre greater than or equal to half of  
5 an acre up to the next whole acre.

6 For the purposes of taking white-tailed deer, nothing in  
7 this Section shall be construed to prevent the manipulation,  
8 including mowing or cutting, of standing crops as a normal  
9 agricultural or soil stabilization practice, food plots, or  
10 normal agricultural practices, including planting, harvesting,  
11 and maintenance such as cultivating or the use of products  
12 designed for scent only and not capable of ingestion, solid or  
13 liquid, placed or scattered, in such a manner as to attract or  
14 lure deer. Such manipulation for the purpose of taking  
15 white-tailed deer may be further modified by administrative  
16 rule.

17 (Source: P.A. 97-564, eff. 8-25-11; 97-907, eff. 8-7-12;  
18 98-180, eff. 8-5-13; revised 10-20-15.)

19 (520 ILCS 5/3.1-6 new)

20 Sec. 3.1-6. Special deer, turkey, and combination hunting  
21 licenses.

22 (a) For the purpose of this Section:

23 "Bona fide equity member" means an individual who:

24 (1) (i) became a member upon the formation of the  
25 limited liability company or (ii) has purchased a

1 distributional interest in a limited liability company for  
2 a value equal to the percentage of the appraised value of  
3 the LLC assets represented by the distributional interest  
4 in the LLC and subsequently becomes a member of the company  
5 under Article 30 of the Limited Liability Company Act; and

6 (2) intends to retain the membership for at least 5  
7 years.

8 "Bona fide equity partner" means an individual who:

9 (1) (i) became a partner, either general or limited,  
10 upon the formation of a partnership or limited partnership,  
11 or (ii) has purchased, acquired, or been gifted a  
12 partnership interest accurately representing his or her  
13 percentage distributional interest in the profits, losses,  
14 and assets of a partnership or limited partnership;

15 (2) intends to retain ownership of the partnership  
16 interest for at least 5 years; and

17 (3) is a resident of this State.

18 "Bona fide equity shareholder" means an individual who:

19 (1) purchased, for market price, publicly sold stock  
20 shares in a corporation, purchased shares of a  
21 privately-held corporation for a value equal to the  
22 percentage of the appraised value of the corporate assets  
23 represented by the ownership in the corporation, or is a  
24 member of a closely-held family-owned corporation and has  
25 purchased or been gifted with shares of stock in the  
26 corporation accurately reflecting his or her percentage of

1 ownership; and

2 (2) intends to retain the ownership of the shares of  
3 stock for at least 5 years.

4 (b) Landowner Deer, Turkey, and combination permits shall  
5 be issued without charge to:

6 (1) Illinois landowners residing in this State who own  
7 at least 40 acres of Illinois land and wish to hunt upon  
8 their land only;

9 (2) resident tenants of at least 40 acres of commercial  
10 agricultural land where they will hunt; and

11 (3) bona fide equity shareholders of a corporation,  
12 bona fide equity members of a limited liability company, or  
13 bona fide equity partners of a general or limited  
14 partnership which owns at least 40 acres of land in a  
15 county in this State who wish to hunt on the corporation's,  
16 company's, or partnership's land only. One permit shall be  
17 issued without charge to one bona fide equity shareholder,  
18 one bona fide equity member, or one bona fide equity  
19 partner for each 40 acres of land owned by the corporation,  
20 company, or partnership in a county; however, the number of  
21 permits issued without charge to bona fide equity  
22 shareholders of any corporation or bona fide equity members  
23 of a limited liability company in any county shall not  
24 exceed 15, and shall not exceed 3 in the case of bona fide  
25 equity partners of a partnership. Bona fide landowners or  
26 tenants who do not wish to hunt only on the land they own,

1 rent, or lease or bona fide equity shareholders, bona fide  
2 equity members, or bona fide equity partners who do not  
3 wish to hunt only on the land owned by the corporation,  
4 limited liability company, or partnership shall be charged  
5 the same fee as the applicant who is not a landowner,  
6 tenant, bona fide equity shareholder, bona fide equity  
7 member, or bona fide equity partner. Nonresidents of this  
8 State who own at least 40 acres of land and wish to hunt on  
9 their land only shall be charged a fee set by  
10 administrative rule. The method for obtaining these  
11 permits shall be prescribed by administrative rule.

12 (c) The deer, turkey, or combination hunting permit issued  
13 without fee shall be valid on all farm lands which the person  
14 to whom it is issued owns, leases or rents, except that in the  
15 case of a permit issued to a bona fide equity shareholder, bona  
16 fide equity member, or bona fide equity partner, the permit  
17 shall be valid on all lands owned by the corporation, limited  
18 liability company, or partnership in the county.